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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

1. VISITING MIDDLE EAST COORDINATOR FOR WESTERN GEO-PHYSICAL COMPANY (SEISMIC SURVEY SUBSIDIARY OF LITTON INDUSTRIES) RECENTLY CALLED ON EMBASSY TO INFORM THAT, AS RESULT APPROACH FROM UNNAMED AMERICAN COMPANY, HE IS CONSIDERING OFFSHORE SEISMIC SURVEY IN MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN EASTERN BOUNDARY OF BUFFER ZONE AND 1967 ISRAELI/ EGYPTIAN BORDER. WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN U.S., AND MIDDLE EAST COORDINATOR, NOT FAMILIAR WITH MODALITIES OF SINAI II DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, DECIDED TO MAKE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST TO SEE IF PROJECT WERE FEASIBLE. COMPANY OFFICIAL NOTED THAT UPON INVESTIGATION HE BELIEVES WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER WOULD PROBABLY SERIOUSLY ENDANGER THEIR STANDING IN ARAB WORLD. HE REQUESTED EMBASSY VIEWS ON WORK IN THE SPECIFIED AREA.

2. EMBOFF RECOUNTED VARIOUS DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS REGARDING ISRAELI EXPLORATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE NOTED THAT, WHILE WE WERE NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOURAGE AMERICAN COMPANIES FROM WORKING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, COMPANY SHOULD STUDY USG LEGAL
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POSITION BEFORE TAKING DECISION TO PARTICIPATE. WE SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL REPS CALL AT DEPARTMENT TO SEEK FURTHER GUIDELINES AND SUSPECT THEY WILL DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. IF WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL DOES CALL ON DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ACCOUNT OF CONVER-

SATION, WHICH COULD FORM BASIS OF RESPONSE TO FURTHER
APPROACHES WE MIGHT HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT OF AMERICAN
INVOLVEMENT IN ISRAELI EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORY.
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